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TWENTY DOLLAR ROBBERIES.

IN ROBBERIES IN North Carolina are worth only twenty dollars apiece, how much value should be attached to their clippings in the ex-Confederate House?

"LET US ALL LAUGH AT BLAINE," was one of the hoarse exclamations that illustrated the proceedings of the ex-Confederate House yesterday. "Let us all laugh at twenty-dollar robberies," will be the remark of the public generally this morning.

This twaddle about Marsh's testimony being essential to the prosecution of Belknap is decidedly funny. Evidence enough for that purpose is readily obtainable, and the fact does not relieve the Democracy from the blame of having aided him to escape.

TWENTY DOLLARS seems to have been the price of an embryo ex-Confederate Congressman, and twenty thousand dollars of an ex-Democratic-Republican Secretary of War. Verily the early teachings of the Democracy say of a strange kind of economy.

ROBBINS sell for a mere song in North Carolina—two ten dollar notes, for example—but when one of them, William M., begins to sing in Washington of the decadence of Republican virtue, his notes are away above par in the estimation of the immaculate Democracy.

A more revolutionary proceeding than the interference of the legislative branch of the Government with the judiciary, as exhibited in the proceedings of the ex-Confederate House yesterday regarding the indictment of the Belknap conspirators, was never before witnessed in this country.

MR. HESTER CLYMER tries in vain to evade the responsibility which rests upon him for aiding in the escape of Marsh, the accomplice-witness in the Belknap case. It was a very pretty design, that of Mr. Clymer's, to get Marsh out of the way, and then charge the Administration with having frightened him into going to Canada for the purpose of screening Belknap, but it seems to have miscarried.

WHILE the Confederate and Copperhead Democracy clamor for the indictment of ex-Democratic Belknap and Democrat Marsh, they take good care that the courts shall be hampered in the efforts now being made under the authority of a Republican administration to procure those indictments. It will be in order now for the Detective Press to charge that the Administration does not desire to have these conspirators indicted, and discerning and intelligent public will see at a glance that the Opposition in the House is responsible for the delay that has occurred in this matter.

This New Hampshire election will be held next Tuesday. Meanwhile the Detective Press will endeavor itself to manufacture of slanders and wholesale lies regarding Republican officials and the acts of the Republican party. Never before in the history of the country has the Opposition press been so venal and unprincipled as it is now. The Detective Press has been taken up by it and magnified into the appearance of earnest fact. In spite of this, however, the people will cling to the party which represents the principles they love, and a Republican victory in the old Granite State is to be assured.

HESTER CLYMER voted for Jeff. Davis seventy-eight times in the Charleston convention to be the Democratic candidate for President; Joseph C. (Confederate) S. (ates) Belknap either did or did not get admitted to the bar under peculiar circumstances, involving the possibility of perjury, and William M. Robbins took twenty-dollar bribe in compensation for his official services as a member of the North Carolina Senate. These are the Democratic scoundrels who reported upon the delinquencies of poor Belknap, and wept over the degeneracy of the Republican party.

THE people of the country will be sure to inquire very closely into the reasons why this Congress does not relieve them from the burden of the infamy which they now have all transgressed, and trade and travel in its track. They know that the Union and Central Pacific railroads have been represented here by an immense lobby—one, too, that boasted of its car-loads of money to be spent in defeating the Texas and Pacific bill. Should Congress adjourn without passing the only bill which can afford them the only relief which the people will have from this till the people will have the right to suppose this money was "put where it would do the most good."

The proceedings of the ex-Confederate House yesterday were not only boisterous and unbecomingly Democratic, but the members in the majority forgot the dignity of the positions they have proved themselves to be so capable of disgracing, and the day was wasted in unseemly wrangling, the evident intent of the Opposition being not to transact legitimate business, but to make capital against the Republican party in pending New Hampshire campaigns. Whatever of gain they may have made by the exposure of Belknap's malversation will certainly be doubly discounted by the repetition of such scenes as those that are so graphically described in our reports of the proceedings of this wonderful House yesterday.

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"A resolution of censure has been passed. I have not voted for it, and I am not sure because I do not approve the act in itself, and I wished a more precedent established and a more thorough investigation of the facts of the case. Some have appeared to delight in my humiliation. Many have misinterpreted a few lines of my report as a sign of weakness. I have not been able to defend me, and I have never regretted it. I thank them. My own judgment is that accidental circumstances have magnified a very trifling incident into a great mistake to me. It was a mere inadvertence on my part, without the least improper intent or motive. Such is the unanimous opinion of all the Senators as far as I am concerned. Might they not have been emboldened as in a public act, and thus have done justice to a brother Senator? I will be the ultimate influence of this occurrence on my destiny is unforeseen. I leave that to God.

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United States, and especially by one of the most trusted and honored in the land. These demonstrations will deceive no one. There is no feeling of deep regret on their part over this great misfortune. They manifest no sorrow that that confidence and character should have been shipwrecked, and that an honored citizen should have been disgraced. Nothing of this kind depresses and weighs down the Democratic heart. It seems to be prompted by a feeling that partakes more of the demoniac than of the noble impulses of human pity. Mr. Clymer, the chairman of the committee which unearthed and presented this great offense to Congress and the world, could not restrain the malicious joy that filled him, and which broke forth in the exclamation, "it is a proper outgrowth, the true exponent of the corruption, extravagance and misgovernment that have cursed this land for years past, an utterance in which he thought that he would 'get him' no more. It is a cunning device, but the people know the difference between real and pretended virtue, notwithstanding.

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